Amendments to the Claims:

Please cancel Claim 1 - 52.

Please enter the following new Claims:

- 53. (New) A composition for organ preservation comprising lactobionate and insulin-like growth factor 1, said Insulin-like Growth Factor 1 provided at a concentration of from about 1 ng/ml to 100 ng/ml.
 - 54. (New) The composition of Claim 53, further comprising hydroxyethyl starch.
- 55. (New) The composition of Claim 54, wherein said hydroxyethyl starch is present in a concentration of about 1 to 200 g/l.
- 56. (New) The composition of Claim 53, further comprising an antimicrobial polypeptide.
- 57. (New) The composition of Claim 56, wherein said antimicrobial polypeptide is a defensin.
- 58. (New) The composition of Claim 57, wherein said defensin is encoded by SEQ ID NO: 37.
- 59. (New) The composition of Claim 56, wherein said antimicrobial polypeptide is present in a concentration of about 0.01 to 1000 mg/l.
- 60. (New) The composition of Claim 53, wherein said lactobionate is present in a concentration of about 1 to 500 mM.
 - 61. (New) The composition of Claim 53, further comprising Substance P.

- 62. (New) The composition of Claim 61, wherein said Substance P is provided at a concentration of from about $0.1 \mu g/ml$ to $100 \mu g/ml$.
 - 63. (New) The composition of Claim 53, further comprising Nerve Growth Factor.
- 64. (New) The composition of Claim 53, wherein said Nerve Growth Factor is provided at a concentration of from about 1 ng/ml to 100 ng/ml.
 - 65. (New) The composition of Claim 53, further comprising an internal organ.
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Listing of the Claims

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